

Chairperson: Carlessia Hussein  
 Vice Chairperson: Gary Stewart  
 Executive Secretary: Maura Rossman, M.D., Antigone Vickery  
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## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

### January Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** January 23, 2018  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Howard County Health Department  
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

**Members Present:** Darryl Burnett, Kevin Carlson Carlessia Hussein, Gary Stewart, Matt Reber

**Members Excused:** Paul Nagy, Deborah Rivkin, Bob Sheesley **On the Phone:** Sheri Lewis

**Staff:** Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

**Guest:** N/A

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Motion to accept December's minutes.</p> <p>Chairperson's request a change in the first sentence of the Complaint Investigation Update. It was suggested that the wording say that the Longs brought the letter to the Health Department to be given to Board Members at the November 28, 2017 meeting.</p>	<p>Approval of December 2017 minutes was unanimous after the changes are corrected</p> <p>Minutes will be updated and re-distributed.</p>
New Business	<p><b><u>Health Officer's Report – Highlights</u></b></p> <p>Open enrollment of Health Plan in Howard County had about the same number of resident enrollments in 2018 (9,506) as they had in 2017 (9,403).</p> <p>Department became aware of continued concerns of Chlamydia and STI in 19year olds. A Teen Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Communication plan was developed. We will be working on what resources are needed to implement this plan.</p> <p>Our Department has several projects with the school system which should include the Superintendent and School Board and it's important to have a good productive working relationship. There are many issues and projects that our department is working on that need their input in order to move forward. We will need to find a way for us both to get together to establish a relationship on projects that we share. A suggestion was made for our Board to reach out by sending him an invite letter to our board meetings or attend one of the School Board Meetings. It was suggested that perhaps a better approach is for a one-on-one meeting with B.O.H chair and the Superintendent.</p>	<p>Provide data on Chlamydia and Gonorrhea</p> <p>More to come on this at a later date.</p>

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Old Business	<p><b><u>Medical Marijuana, Marijuana Dispensaries in Maryland</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Maura Rossman – Power Point Presentation</p> <p>Dr. Rossman gave an in-depth power point presentation on Medical Marijuana and Marijuana Dispensaries in Maryland. A copy will be sent to board members.</p> <p>Dr. Rossman reviewed the background, the regulations, who can grow, who can sell and in what jurisdictions. Processing of Medical Marijuana is just for medical use, how many dispensaries are allowed in each of the 47 legislative districts in Maryland and the different fees: Grower Application fee - \$6,000; annual licensure fee - \$125,000, Grower &amp; Dispensary Application fee - \$11,000; annual licensure fee \$165,000, Processor Application fee - \$6,000; annual licensure fee - \$40,000 and Dispensary Application fee - \$5,000; annual licensure fee \$40,000. Hand out was distributed</p> <p>Cannabis products are consumed for both medical and recreational purposes. Popularity has increased over the decades. Today cannabis is the most popular drug used in the US. Medical Marijuana means using the whole plant. The oils, wax, ointment, salve or other products containing medical cannabis concentrate are used to treat a medical condition. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not recognized or approved the marijuana plant as medicine. Medical cannabis is legalized in 29 states and CBD in an additional 18, all components are still schedule 1 substances and therefore federally illegal. Studies show that there is no evidence of Marijuana leading to the use of other drugs (opioids). Some studies suggest that Marijuana use reduce the use of other drugs (opioids).</p>	<p>A copy will be sent to board members.</p>
	<p><b>Complaint Investigation Update: CORRECTED</b></p> <p>The complaint that was brought to the Health Department for the Board of Health members at our November Meeting by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robert Long, resident of Woodbine and that community, composting and natural wood waste (mulching). We did some investigation; it's a long standing complaint with the Longs and the Bonners. Allegations against the Longs who put together the brown envelopes and brought them to last month's meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>Behavioral Health Integration:</b></p> <p>Integration process is moving forward. In addition to integrating Mental Health Authority Staff into HCHD, this process will also involve combining of the Alcohol Drug Abuse Advisory Board (ADAAB) with the Mental Health Authority Board and modifying the Board of Health to include specific representation from the Behavioral Health profession. The transition of members of from the B.O.H. will be reviewed as some members terms will be expiring. Integration of both boards is promoted throughout the whole State. Director of Health Department will send out to board members the report DHMH just sent out on Mental Health.</p>	
		<p>A copy of the Letter dated January 4, 2018 address to the Longs was given out to Members of the Board in response to their complaint dated November 30, 2017.</p> <p>Periodic updates will be provided on the progress of Behavioral Health integration process during upcoming BOH meetings.</p> <p>Will send a recently released MDH report on Behavioral Health Integration.</p>

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	<p><b><u>Addition to the Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b>Hand Out – Open Meeting Act</b> - Board of Health is subject to the rules of the Maryland Open Meeting Act. A compliance checklist for meetings was shared. B.O.H President took the training and received a certificate regarding. It was suggest that all board members be familiar with the process. This checklist give general guidance, does not guarantee “compliance” with every provision of the Open Meeting Act. Reminder if it’s a Closed Session Meeting that would have to be planned. On the flip side of the Hand Out are a list of General Provision Article 3-305(b) Statutory Authority to Close Session (The Fourteen “Exceptions”)</p> <p><b>Suggested topics for future meetings:</b>  Update on Opioids  Integration MH &amp; BH - March 2018</p>	Suggested that all members take the training at their leisure.
Other Business	<b>Next BOH meeting scheduled for February 27, 2018</b>	
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>	

**Next Board of Health Meeting:** February 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbia, MD 21045